



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 10, 2007

**S. 1500**

**Support for Democracy and Human Rights in Zimbabwe Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on June 27, 2007*

S. 1500 would require the Secretary of State to provide quarterly briefings to the Congress that would detail the department's policies and plans for engaging with the country of Zimbabwe, for three years from the date of enactment. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million to support free elections, reduce political violence, and create programs to protect human rights in Zimbabwe.

Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1500 would cost \$2 million in 2008 and \$10 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 1500 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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